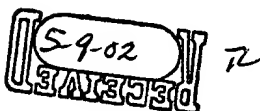


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In re Application of:

Mohan V. Kalkunte, et al.

Examiner: Frank Duong

Application No.: 09/213,096

Art Group: 2664

Filed: December 17, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PRESERVING FLOW ORDER ACROSS  
LINKS OF A MULTI LINK TRUNK**ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231-9998

Sir:

In the Office Action dated April 9, 2002, the Examiner contends that Applicant claims *two* distinct inventions in the above-identified United States Patent Application. Thus, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner requires Applicant(s) to restrict his/her/their Application to one of the alleged *two* inventions. In compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicant(s) elect(s) the *first* group (claims 1-8 and 21-24). Since claim 24 depends on claim 14 (non-elected claim), it is submitted that the first group for election should be claim 1-8 and 21-23. Thus, claim 24 is cancelled without prejudice because that claim belongs to group II (non-elected claims). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to confirm that claim 24 does belong to group II.

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response. This complete set of claims excludes non-elected claims 9-20 and 24, cancelled without prejudice, and includes elected claims 1-8 and 20-23 and new claims 25-34.

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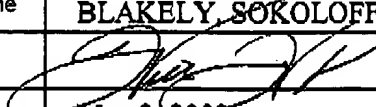
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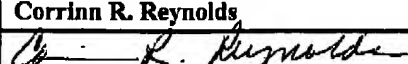
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119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
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